## REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1, and 24-25 have been cancelled. Claims 1-19 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 are rendered moot by the present amendments.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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